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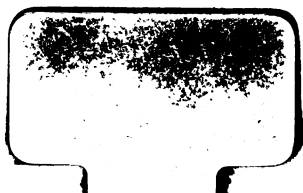
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## SUNDAY MORNING.

O Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear, we beseech Thee, our morning prayer, and accept our poor tribute of praise for Thy mercies to us during our past lives. We desire, O Lord, to approach Thy throne of grace in thankful remembrance of Thy goodness in appointing for us a day of rest, wherein we may lay aside the labours and trials of the week, and draw near to Thee in the public services of Thy House. Thou hast graciously promised Thy blessing to those who gather themselves together in Thy Name. O be with us to-day while we are in Thy House. Let Thy gracious favour overshadow us. May we be in the Spirit on this Thy day; and may our words and meditations find acceptance before Thee.



Suffer us not to be present only with our bodies in Thine earthly temple, but let our hearts be sensible of Thy presence, that so we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth, and obtain the requests which, as Christian brethren, we agree to ask at Thy hands. We would pray for all those who shall this day stand up in Thy Name to preach the Gospel. O be unto them a mouth and wisdom : may they bring forth things new and old from the plenteous stores of heavenly knowledge which Thy Holy Spirit can give them. And to those who hear give an understanding heart, that Thine own people may be edified and comforted ; that the careless may be awakened ; the erring and straying brought back ; and the fallen raised, by the efficacy of that word which Thou hast promised shall not return unto Thee void. We would pray for Thy blessing upon the means used in our Sunday Schools to teach the

young that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom ; that youth is the time to serve Him ; that a life begun, continued, and ended in serving and loving Thee and our fellow-creatures, is the happiest and most blessed. May we spend this day with Thee ; in public and private communion with Thee ; may it be to us a bright shadow of the rest that awaits Thy redeemed ; a lamp to light us through the coming week of sorrow and toil ; and a foretaste of heaven on earth.

We ask these mercies, and present these imperfect thanksgivings, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all the praise now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against

us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil ; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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## SUNDAY EVENING.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, from whom all goodness flows, be ready, we pray Thee, to hear our supplications, and to receive our thankful tribute of praise for Thine unmerited mercies to us. Thou hast brought us in safety and in peace to the close of this day of rest. O grant, that as outwardly it has been a time of quietness, so inwardly it may prove to have been to us a season of

spiritual rest and refreshment, that we may be enabled to enter upon the duties of another week, strengthened and comforted and admonished by the precepts and promises of Thy holy word. Our feet, O Lord, have trodden the courts of Thy House. O may the words of our lips and the thoughts of our hearts have been acceptable before Thee, not for our own worthiness, but through the all-powerful and promised intercession of Thy well-beloved Son. Unless Thou goest before and followest us; unless Thou dost inspire our prayers, and upraise our hearts in thankful adoration for Thy goodness, our prayers and our praises alike will not enter into Thine ears. O do Thou then by the continual indwelling of Thy Spirit in our hearts, so form and fashion our desires, our hopes, our expectations, that we may be constantly striving to serve Thee, whether in the ordinances of Thy House,

or in the daily avocations of our lives.

We would lay ourselves down to rest this night trusting to Thy love and favour for safety and refreshing sleep. We would commend to Thy all-extending love our friends, our relations, our neighbours, and our enemies: especially would we beg Thy favour for any of them who are afflicted in mind, body, or estate: may their troubles be blest to them, and bring them nearer to Thee. And to us, O Lord, who are kneeling before Thee, grant the warm adoration of the heart and the loving service of the life, that when the night of our lives shall come, and our earthly work for Thee is ended, we may be summoned to join that joyful assembly from which Thy presence shall never be withdrawn.

Grant us, O Lord, an answer of mercy, and accept us, for Christ our Saviour's sake. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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## MONDAY MORNING.

O Almighty and most merciful Father, whose hands have made and fashioned us, in whom we live and move and have our being, we come before Thee this morning in the Name of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, whom, in Thy love

to us, Thou hast appointed to be our Mediator.

We give Thee humble and hearty thanks for the safety and rest of the night past, and we now beseech Thee to protect us during this day. Be with us in our going out and coming in. Watch over us for good. Give us all things needful for our souls and bodies; and enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to live this day as Thy true servants. Whatever we do, may we remember that Thine eye is upon us. Keep us by the power of Thy grace not only from outward transgressions, but also from inward and secret sins. May our words and meditations be acceptable in Thy sight. In all our enjoyments and employments may we seek to glorify Thee, and to do good to those around us. Let Thy blessing, we pray Thee, rest upon this household; [especially upon the little ones. Give them health and strength,

if it be Thy good will. Enable us in all things to set them the example of a sober, righteous, and godly life, and as they grow in age, may they grow in favour both with Thee and with men.] If Thou art pleased to visit us with affliction, O may it turn out for our eternal good. May we learn to lean on Thee in the hour of need, and find Thee a God of mercy and of love. Thou knowest our several trials and wants. We bring them to Thee, and pray Thee to sanctify them to us, and to give us rest and refreshment when Thou seest fit. Above all give us faith in our Redeemer; forgive us our sins for His sake. Give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may amend our lives and be in charity with all men, that so, when our sojourn here is ended, we may dwell with Thee for ever, and behold the glory which Thou hast prepared for those that love Thee.



We offer these our unworthy thanks, and we present these our petitions, through the mediation of Thy Son, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

## MONDAY EVENING.

O eternal and ever blessed God, our Maker and Preserver, who holdest our souls in life, we present to Thee our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise. Thou hast, in Thy goodness, brought us to the close of another day, and we now entreat Thy blessing. The darkness is no darkness to Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. To Thee, all-powerful and all-merciful, we come for protection and peace during this night. Keep us, we beseech Thee, and ours and all who are dear to us and theirs, from the assaults and attacks of cruel and wicked men: keep us from fire and from sudden death. Grant us safe and refreshing repose, that we may awake better fitted to serve Thee in our various duties, [especially be with our children this night, and watch over their slumbers with Thy loving favour.]

We pray for those near and dear to us, that Thou wouldest bless them: we pray for those who have erred and strayed from Thy way, that Thou wouldest be pleased to bring them back in Thine own good time: that Thou wouldest comfort the weak-hearted and the troubled: and bring us all at last to Thine eternal home, where sorrow and separation shall be no more.

Forgive us, we pray Thee, the sins we have committed this day in thought, word, and deed. Give us truly penitent hearts for all we have done amiss. Make us hate our sins, and give us grace to fight against and overcome them. Without Thee we can do nothing acceptable in Thy sight. Without Thy renovating restoring grace, we are nothing but lost and miserable wanderers from the fold of Christ the true Shepherd. We beseech Thee to put into our hearts the thoughts of the prodigal, and his words into our

mouths, that we may arise and return to our Father and receive His blessing, so shall we enjoy union and communion with Thee as our Father, and with Thy Son Jesus Christ. May all our works be begun, continued, and ended in Thee, that so when the evening of our days is come, we may be summoned, through Thine infinite mercy, to the rest and happiness which remain for Thy forgiven and adopted children.

We ask these mercies, and we offer these our unworthy thanksgivings, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is

the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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### TUESDAY MORNING.

O eternal and gracious God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, mercifully hear our morning prayer. We humbly and heartily thank Thee for the blessings both temporal and spiritual which Thou hast given us. Surely goodness and mercy have followed us hitherto. O fill our hearts with gratitude and our mouths with praise. Grant that we may shew our thankfulness by living in and for Thee; by offering ourselves, our souls and bodies, a willing sacrifice to Thee. We thank Thee especially for the mercies

of the past night, and for Thy goodness in raising us up once more to see the morning light. May we spend this day in Thy fear. Do Thou order all our steps in Thy word: may no wickedness have power over us. Give us grace to strive against and overcome our besetting sins; enable us to live at peace amongst ourselves, as members of the Church of Christ, as brethren, and fellow-helpers to the truth; may we be kind and gentle and forgiving one to another: may we do to others as we would they should do to us, and follow the example and precepts of Him who went about doing good: who spent His earthly life in doing the will of His heavenly Father.

Look down, we beseech Thee, upon the Parish in which we live: make us to be a people serving Thee and working righteousness. Bless all the efforts that are being made for our spiritual and temporal welfare. May the Gospel be

known and spread amongst us, that all may come to acknowledge Jesus as their Saviour and their Lord. Teach us, we pray Thee, to do our duty cheerfully and constantly : to work while it is day. Take away from us all murmurings and complainings, all rebellion against the dealings of Thy good providence with us : all dissatisfaction with the portion Thy love has allotted to us, and make us content to do Thy holy will. We ask, O Lord, for an increase of faith : for a deeper insight into the wonders of Thy law : for a right understanding of our position before Thee, and of the love which Thou hast manifested towards us, Thy sinful and ungrateful children, that we may perceive our lost condition by nature, and seek the refuge and the remedy which Thou hast graciously provided for us.

These mercies we ask, O Lord, and these praises we offer, in the Name of

Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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## TUESDAY EVENING.

O Almighty and most merciful Father, look down upon us, we pray Thee, this evening with the eye of pity and love.



We desire to thank Thee for the mercies of the past day. It is of Thy goodness that we are preserved, and because Thy compassions fail not. Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us after our iniquities. O make us truly thankful for all that Thou hast so graciously done for us; for the gifts of health and peace and safety; for all the blessings of this life, but especially for the revelation of the redemption Thou hast provided for sinful man. O give us a well-grounded assurance and a steadfast hope that we each have a share in that great redemption; that our sins are forgiven for Christ's sake; that we are justified by faith in the atoning sacrifice of the Redeemer. We confess with our lips that we are lost guilty sinners, O may we feel the remembrance of sin to be grievous to us, and the burden of it intolerable, that so we may be led to Him who can alone give us rest and freedom.

Keep us, we pray Thee, this night under the shelter of Thy wings. Watch over and protect our bodies, and do Thou also preserve our souls from evil. May our thoughts be of Thee, and of heavenly things. May our dependence on Thee for all that is needful be firm and unwavering, that we may be over careful for nothing, but leave all in Thy hands, knowing that Thou doest all things well. We pray Thee to bless those for whom we ought to supplicate Thy favour. May we of this household live peaceably together; with kind and forgiving hearts and with the charity that thinketh no evil.

We pray for our Parish, for the indwelling of Thy Spirit amongst us, to quicken us from dead works to serve Thee in newness of life: to arouse us to a sense of our wickedness and sinfulness, and of our continual need of Thy cleansing and strengthening grace.

We would commit ourselves [and our little ones], our relations and friends, our neighbours and enemies, to Thy gracious love and keeping this night. Give us peaceful slumber and quiet rest, that we may rise refreshed and strengthened for the duties of the day; and to Thee, with Thy well-beloved Son and the ever blessed Spirit, be all the praise now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O almighty and most merciful Father, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than we deserve, accept, we pray Thee, our morning sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving. We are not worthy to approach Thee, for our hands are full of iniquity, and our very thoughts are evil continually: but yet in Thy mercy Thou invitest us to tell out our requests to Thee, in the Name and through the mediation of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Hear us, we beseech Thee, for His sake, and give us the mercies we need for another day.

We heartily thank Thee for Thy goodness in bringing us safely to see the light of this morning. We thank Thee for refreshing rest and sleep: for our preservation from the numberless accidents which may happen to our frail

bodies: and above all, we thank Thee for the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, by which we have been kept from many sins. O make us truly thankful—thankful in life as well as in word,—make us willing to serve Thee; to live to Thy honour and glory, as we do live every day by Thy goodness and on Thy bounty.

Keep us this day without sin. Give us grace to do our duty to Thee and to our neighbour; to love Thee above all else, and to love one another with pure hearts fervently. Bless our friends, our relations, our enemies, and our Parish, and make us the honoured instruments of doing good to others. Let Thy blessing attend our humble efforts for the temporal and spiritual welfare of those amongst whom Thou hast placed us. May our light so shine before them, that they may glorify Thee our heavenly Father, when they see our good works. Let Thy love prevail in this household

and family; and if any of us are in trouble or sorrow or sickness, do Thou of Thy mercy, comfort and succour us, giving us patience and even joyfulness in our tribulation. May Christ be so precious to our souls, that we may count it all joy to suffer, knowing that if we are really His, our light affliction which is but for a moment, shall be followed with an everlasting weight of glory. Give us grace so to live together in this life, that when we are called in Thy providence to separate on earth by death, we may look forward to a joyful re-union in heaven. We ask this for Christ our Saviour's sake. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O Eternal and almighty God, who hast stretched forth the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth and formed the spirit of man within him, be pleased to look down from heaven, Thy dwelling-place, upon us, and regard us with Thine accustomed favour. Thou hast graciously promised to be a wall of fire round about Thy people to preserve them from all evil. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to make us Thine own by adoption and grace, that we may share the protection

which Thou givest to Thy children. We are unworthy to come before Thee with any request, for we have often refused to hear when Thou hast called. We have pulled away our shoulders from Thy yoke, which is easy, and from Thy burden, which is light. We have stopped our ears, and made our hearts as adamant, yet we pray Thee to hear our humble confession and to be merciful unto us. We have sinned this day, in thought, word, and work against Thee. We have been filled with worldliness of mind, and wicked desires. We have done evil in Thy sight. We have not loved Thee above all else, and our neighbour as ourselves. O forgive us, we pray Thee, for Christ's sake, and enable us henceforth to serve Thee as obedient and loving children. We praise Thy holy Name for all the mercies of this day; for our food and raiment; for our family comforts, and the oppor-



tunities we have had for serving Thee in our various employments. O that we may consecrate ourselves more entirely to Thee, and live as grateful recipients of thy bounties.

We would commend ourselves and all dear to us to Thy gracious care for the coming night. Watch over our bodies and souls, and keep us from all hurtful things. Let not the Evil One prevail to draw away our hearts from Thee. Be with the sick and the destitute amongst us. Give to them patience, and to us sympathy and compassion for them. [And we would ask Thy blessing for our children. May they live in Thy fear and favour, and remember Thee in the days of their youth.]

We beseech Thee to hear and answer these our prayers, and to accept these our humble thanksgivings, for Christ our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom

come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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## THURSDAY MORNING.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who art the author and giver of all good things, be pleased to hear our morning prayer. We thank Thee for Thy goodness to us and ours during the past night. We have laid ourselves down to rest and have risen up again through the sustaining

power of Thy mercy. Thou hast granted us to see the light of another day. O may it be spent in Thy service and to Thy glory. Thou hast blessed us abundantly though we are unworthy to receive any blessing at Thy hands, for we have been as unfaithful servants, leaving undone what Thou hast bidden us to do, and doing that which Thy word and the voice of conscience condemns.

Forgive, we pray Thee, what Thou hast seen amiss in us during the past night and this day hitherto, and enable us to realize by faith that precious truth of Thy word, that if we sin we have an Advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the righteous—and that His blood cleanseth us from all sin.

We ask for Thy promised guidance for the duties of this day: that Thou wouldest lead us in a plain path because of our enemies: that Thou wouldest shew us the way wherein we ought to

walk, and grant us grace to walk uprightly therein.

O may we live in love and wisdom towards those amongst whom we are placed: as a help to those who are fellow-pilgrims and strangers here: as an example to those who have erred from the right way. Make us kind and tender-hearted: willing to forgive all injuries done to us: ready to bless and love our enemies, that their hearts may be softened, and they themselves drawn by the cords of love to Him who would have us all to be of one mind.

O heavenly Father, be with us and all those near and dear to us. Give us grace so to live together in this life that in the world to come we may have life everlasting.

Accept, O Lord, for Christ's sake, our prayers and praises. Look upon us through the righteousness and obedience of our Mediator, and since He has satis-

fied the Law's demands, and set Thy people free from its weight and burden, do Thou have mercy upon us, and number us among Thy happy freed ones, that we may worship and serve Thee as we ought.

We ask all for the Saviour's sake, and to Him with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

## THURSDAY EVENING.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, incline, we beseech Thee, Thine ear to this our evening prayer, and accept our tribute of thanksgiving. Thou hast in mercy brought us to the end of another day. Thou hast borne with our shortcomings and misdoings. Thou hast withheld the punishment due to our sins. Thou hast granted us many mercies, though we are utterly unworthy of any kindness and forbearance at Thy hands, for we have added ingratitude to the list of our misdeeds, and whilst Thou hast been blessing us, we have forgotten Thee and forsaken the way of Thy commandments. Forgive us, we pray Thee, and enable us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit to serve Thee better, to love Thee more heartily, and in all our ways to acknowledge Thee. O make us feel our helplessness and

weakness and sinfulness: make us understand that without Thee we can do nothing acceptable in Thy sight, that so we may come to Thee for cleansing, strengthening, and protecting grace.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for Thy goodness to us and to ours, for our temporal comforts and blessings. O may we look upon them, not as our right or inheritance, but as mercies which Thou mayest see fit to withhold from us. And if it should please Thee to withdraw these earthly comforts and this outward prosperity, may we still be enabled to bless and praise Thy holy Name, and to feel that Thou doest all things well. And if it should be Thy gracious will that we learn to know Thee, and to live according to Thy laws, in the school of affliction, may we welcome the rod that smites us in love, and profit by the trouble to the saving of our souls. We ask for Thy merciful care and protection

for the coming night. Abide with us, we pray Thee, for without Thee we cannot rest in peace or safety. Grant us refreshing repose, that we may rise to work with increased earnestness in Thy kingdom. [Bless the little ones of our household: subdue the evil tendencies of their hearts, and enable them to serve Thee, their Creator, in the days of their youth.] May all who are dwelling under this roof, or who may be sojourning amongst us for a while, live in godly love and honesty, helping one another in all good things, and striving to promote peace and piety in our midst.

Accept, we beseech Thee, these unworthy thanks, and hear our prayers, through the all-powerful intercession of our blessed Mediator, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost we ascribe all honour and glory now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom



come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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### FRIDAY MORNING.

O God our heavenly Father, who hast in Thy goodness and love toward us provided a way by which we may approach Thee with acceptance, even through the merits and mediation of Thy well-beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by His sinlessness and

obedience has fulfilled the Law for man, and procured for us a reception at Thy throne of grace, we humbly beseech Thee to hear us for His sake. We come, O Lord, confessing our sins, our spiritual weakness and deadness, and entreating Thee to send Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, to raise us from all that is worldly and unholy, to holy and spiritual desires and deeds. O be merciful unto us, for Thou knowest how sin cleaves to all we do, and how much we need Thy cleansing and purifying grace to enable us to walk in the way of Thy commandments. Descend and rest upon us, we pray Thee; abide with us, for from Thee alone every giving that is good and every gift that is perfect comes down; so shall our bodies become Thy temple, and our hearts Thy throne.

We desire humbly and heartily to thank Thee for the mercies of the night that is past. Keep us, we beseech Thee,

this day, in Thy steadfast fear. Let us not walk in the way of our own devising, but may Thy hand direct our steps. May we employ the day in Thy service; in doing heartily whatsoever our hands find to do; in acts of kindness towards our neighbours, remembering that Thine eye is upon us, and that Thou art graciously pleased to accept our poor imperfect services, if they are done in the Name and for the sake of Christ. We would pray for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that they may serve Thee faithfully; for all who yet know Thee not, that they may be brought to a knowledge and practise of the truth; for our Rulers, that they may be instruments in Thy hands of promoting the kingdom of Christ; for our neighbours, that we may lead peaceable and godly lives, commending the religion we profess by the holiness of our conduct.

Let Thy blessing, O Lord, rest upon this our family, and to Thy Name be the praise both now and ever. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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## FRIDAY EVENING.

O almighty and ever-merciful God, who hast in Thy goodness brought us

peacefully to the close of another day, accept our hearty thanks. We are not worthy to receive even the smallest earthly blessing at Thy hands, much less the great spiritual mercies which Thou hast set before us for our acceptance. O do Thou have compassion upon us and forgive us, for Christ's sake. Deal not with us according to our sins, but according to Thy loving kindness, and enable us, we pray Thee, to live more after Thy commandments. Give us an earnest desire for conformity to Thy blessed will; a constant hatred for sin, and a wholesome filial fear of offending Thee our heavenly Father.

We would again commit ourselves and all that concerns us to Thy hands. Thou knowest what is best for us. Be Thou our guide and protector; and in all our circumstances, whether they be prosperous or adverse for this life, do Thou stand by us and over-rule all for

the good of our souls, so that whatever changes may await us here, our eternal rest and inheritance may be secure.

Be with us to-night, we beseech Thee. Grant to us, [and our children] and to all whom we would remember before Thee, such needful rest and sleep as may fit us for the proper discharge of our duties. And of Thy goodness, O Lord, comfort and succour the sick and afflicted amongst us. Do Thou make all their bed in their sickness. Speak peace to the troubled, and grant them a happy ending to their trials.

If it shall please Thee to raise us up to see the light of another morning, may the day be spent in Thy service and to Thy glory. May we work while it is to-day, remembering that the night cometh when we cannot work. And may we strive to follow in the steps of Him who went about doing good, and fulfilling the work given Him to do.

May we live always in reliance upon Thy divine help ; comforted by the promises and acknowledging the duties of our christian profession. Be with us now, O Lord, we pray Thee. Be with us always, for Christ's sake ; to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and adoration ascribed for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil ; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

O most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we come to Thy throne of grace as Thy children, to thank Thee for Thy goodness, and to entreat Thy favour for another day. Thou hast spared us to meet again; to read Thy holy word; to bend the knee in prayer. O may that word which we have read be impressed upon our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that it may bring forth fruit in our lives, and may we not only bend the knee, but the heart also before Thee, and rise refreshed and strengthened for what may be before us.

We have sinned against Thee, O Lord, and yet Thou hast spared us. O bring us to a saving knowledge of Thyself and of Thy Son, that we may be delivered from the power of sin, and serve Thee in godly sincerity and simplicity.



We thank Thee for Thy mercies to us; we own that they are undeserved. O enable us to value them more, and to devote ourselves to Thee in thankful remembrance of what Thou hast done for us.

Thou hast brought us safely to this day, [and by the angels of Thy presence hast kept our children from all that is hurtful. O that while they are young, they may be dedicated to Thee, and see in us examples of honesty, of purity, and of piety.] Look upon us, we pray Thee, with the favour Thou bearest to Thine own people. May our household be precious in Thy sight; and may we, whether serving or ruling, do our duty as before Thee; not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but doing the will of God from our hearts.

Give us grace to live contented with the portion Thy wisdom has allotted to us. Banish from us all thoughts of im-

patience and murmuring and fretfulness. May our blessings come into our minds, when we are ill at ease and over anxious about earthly cares and crosses.

O let Thy blessing go with us to-day ; let Thy peace remain with outstretched wings to overshadow our house and home, that when we assemble to-night at Thy mercy-seat our hearts may be attuned to speak Thy praise and to adore Thy forbearance and love.

We ask all for Christ our Saviour's sake, and to Him with Thee and the Holy Spirit be all the praise both now and ever. Amen.

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O most merciful and gracious Father,  
who dwellest on high and yet dost vouch-  
safe to succour and defend us on earth,  
we entreat Thy favour and protection  
this evening. Thou hast brought us in  
safety to the close of another day and  
another week. Often have we been  
willing yet ungrateful recipients of Thy  
bounties. Often, when blessed by Thee  
in body and soul, we have been unthank-  
fully silent. Often, when troubles have  
been averted from us by Thy watchful

providence, we have rendered to Thee neither the praise of our lips nor the devout adoration of a holy life. O do Thou pardon our ingratitude and our sin; rouse us to a sense of Thy goodness, and bring us to Thy feet with the offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies, as a reasonable holy and lively sacrifice unto Thee; as a return for Thy love. We would humbly confess our sins, O Lord, before Thee. We have sinned against Thee from our youth up till now. We have done amiss in Thy sight. We have loved neither Thee nor our neighbours as we ought to have done. We have not walked in the way of Thy commandments. We have erred and strayed from Thy paths. Blessed be Thy Name that we have still time to repent; to amend our sinful lives; to ask for the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit. O make us truly to repent us of our faults; to love Thee with a perfect love and to turn with all

our hearts to Thy service which is truly freedom.

Prepare us, we beseech Thee, for the holy duties of the morrow. May we love Thy earthly Sabbaths. May they be foretastes of an eternal Sabbath in heaven. Bless the reading and preaching of Thy word. Prosper the work of our Sunday Schools, and let Thy blessing rest upon us throughout the day. May our sleep to-night be safe and refreshing, that we may rise better fitted to serve Thee in the way of Thine own gracious appointment. Let our minds be engaged in the blessed exercise of prayer and praise, and may we gain strength and peace and comfort while we wait upon Thee.

Hear these our prayers, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and accept our thanksgiving through Him who is our only Mediator and Redeemer. And to Him with Thee and the Holy Spirit, eternal

praise shall flow from souls preserved redeemed and sanctified by Thy operation, O adorable Trinity. Amen.

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